GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Road Connectivity in NE Region
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the reported poor condition of National Highways (NHs) and connectivity of North-Eastern Region (NER);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the remedial steps taken/being taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard along with the funds earmarked/allocated/spent by the Government for the purpose;

(d) whether the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation of India (NHIDCL) has started any developmental work in NER, if so, the details thereof along with the funds sanction for the said work; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the condition of roads connecting Dima Hasao and Cachar districts and also NH-6, 8, 44 and 154?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the Country. The maintenance & repair of National Highways is a continuous process the National Highways in the North-Eastern Region are kept in traffic worthy condition from time to time within the available resources. The total amount of funds allocated and expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of NHs in the North Eastern Region during the last three years and the current year is Rs.979.92 Crore and Rs.612.61 Crore respectively.

(d) Yes Madam, The National Highway & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) has started development work in NER and so far projects aggregation to 1188km at a cost of Rs.14,830 Crore.

(e) The improvement of NH 27 (old NH-54) connecting Dima Hasao and Cachar districts aggregating to about 130km is in progress as part of East West Corridor. Improvement of about 166km of NH-6 (62km of old NH-40 & 104km of old NH-44) in the State of Meghalaya is in progress. For improvement and maintenance of Malidhar-Badarpur section of NH-6 (old NH-44) of about 33km and for Dhaleswari-Bilkawthlir section of NH-6 (old NH-154) aggregating to about 147km works have been sanctioned by the Ministry and are in various stage of progress. In respect of Badarpur − Sabroom section of NH-8 (old NH-44) aggregating to about 387km, works for its improvement and maintenance have been sanctioned by the Ministry except for a length of about 114km between Churaibari and Agartala.
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